

Town of Garrett Park



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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & Council
From: Ted Pratt, Clerk-Treasurer
Re: Ordinance 2008-05 Recall Referendum Petition
Date: 03 November 2008

I have received a petition for a referendum to recall ordinance 2008-05 before 20 days had expired since its adoption at the 13 October 2008 Town Council meeting, that being prior to Midnight on Sunday, 02 November 2008. There were 244 signature submitted.

At this time, the Town has 733 residents registered as active voters on the Montgomery County list and 17 non-citizen residents registered with the Town, making a total of 750 residents qualified to vote in Town elections. In order to succeed in suspending the ordinance and calling for a recall referendum, the petition must have signatures from at least 20% of the Town's qualified voters, or 150 valid signatures.

Chief Election Judge Linda Thompson and I reviewed the 244 signatures submitted and have disqualified 23 signatures as being those of unqualified voters. This leaves 221 qualified signatures, so the petition succeeds.

Therefore, according to the Town Charter, the Ordinance does not become effective today, but is suspended until a referendum is held to determine whether it is to be recalled or adopted. The Council may set the date of a special election, at its discretion, or the question can be placed on the ballot for the Town's annual election on 04 May 2009.